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Attached please find the appeal of Citizens United and its president, David N. Bossie, to the request for expedited processing in FOIA No. DOC-IOS-2018-000946. Thank you.

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FOIA APPEAL

April 16, 2018

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Re: Appeal of Denial of Expedited Processing
DOC-IOS-2018-000946

Dear Assistant General Counsel:

Citizens United and its President, David N. Bossie, hereby appeal the denial of expedited processing in the above-referenced Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA") request. Attached as Exhibit A, hereto is a copy of the Department's acknowledgement of receipt.¹

The underlying FOIA request seeks copies of electronic mail communications between the following three sets of individuals:

- A. Former Commerce Department Deputy Secretary Bruce Andrews and any of the following: Hunter Biden, Christopher Heinz, Devon Archer, Daniel Burrell or David Leiter;
- B. Former Commerce Department Chief of Staff Jim Hock and any of the following: Hunter Biden, Christopher Heinz, Devon Archer, Daniel Burrell or David Leiter; and
- C. Former Commerce Department General Counsel Kelly Welsh and any of the following: Hunter Biden, Christopher Heinz, Devon Archer, Daniel Burrell or David Leiter.

¹ The FOIA request was submitted via the Department's online website portal for submitting FOIA requests. The website portal does not provide a mechanism for obtaining an exact copy of the request as submitted. Among other things, the acknowledgment does not include a copy of the portion of the FOIA request setting forth the basis on which expedited processing was sought. Consequently, the portion of the FOIA request seeking expedited processing is not included within Exhibit A.

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The time frame covered by the FOIA request is January 1, 2013 to January 20, 2017.

Expedited processing was sought on the grounds that the requester will use the records in connection with a time-sensitive project that will be made available to the public. Expedited processing was denied via an electronic mail communication dated March 16, 2018, on the following grounds: "Does not meet criteria." See Exhibit B.

The regulations governing FOIA requests to the Department of Commerce set out four grounds for expedited processing:

- (i) Circumstances in which the lack of expedited treatment could reasonably be expected to pose an imminent threat to the life or physical safety of an individual;
- (ii) The loss of substantial due process rights;
- (iii) A matter of widespread and exceptional media interest involving questions about the Government's integrity which affect public confidence; or
- (iv) An urgency to inform the public about an actual or alleged Federal Government activity, if made by a person primarily engaged in disseminating information.

15 CFR § 4.6(f)(1). The pending matter involves application of the third and fourth justifications for expedited processing.

In support of this appeal, I have attached a signed Declaration from Citizens United President David N. Bossie. See Exhibit C. The Declaration "explain[s] in detail the basis for requesting expedited processing" and is "certified to be true and correct." See 15 CFR § 4.6(b)(3). Attached to the Declaration are a half dozen news articles on topics related to the records requested. The articles are representative samples of the many news articles that have been recently published concerning issues related to the records that would be responsive to the FOIA request.

The Declaration and attachments show that Citizens United and Mr. Bossie are members of the news media who are primarily engaged in disseminating information to the public, and that the records requested fall squarely within the third and fourth criteria for expedited processing. The news articles report that former Vice President Joe Biden and former Secretary of State John Kerry are considering bids for Presidency in 2020. The articles also raise major ethical concerns over activities within the Federal government that involve relatives, close friends and business associates of Biden and Kerry. The articles show "widespread and exceptional media interest involving questions about the Government's integrity which affect public confidence," 15 CFR § 4.6(f)(1)(iii), and the existence of "[a]n urgency to inform the public about an actual or alleged Federal government activity." Id. at §

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4.6(f)(iv). The records requested in the FOIA request are reasonably expected to shed light on those matters.

The Bossie Declaration and accompanying exhibits clearly establish that FOIA No. DOC-IOS-2018-000946 meets the requisite criteria for expedited processing. In light of the information provided in this appeal, Citizens United and Mr. Bossie ask that you order expedited processing of FOIA request. Thank you.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Michael Boos", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Michael Boos
Citizens United
Executive Vice President & General Counsel

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3/15/2018

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Request Confirmation

Request Information

Tracking Number : *DOC-OS-2018-000946*

Requester Name : Mr. David N. Bossie

Date Submitted : 03/15/2018

Request Status : Submitted

Description :

In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act, I hereby request copies of the following records. A. All emails between former Commerce Department Deputy Secretary Bruce Andrews and the following individuals: 1. Hunter Biden 2. Christopher Heinz 3. Devon Archer 4. Daniel Burrell 5. David Leiter B. All emails between former Commerce Department Chief of Staff Jim Hock and the following individuals: 1. Hunter Biden 2. Christopher Heinz 3. Devon Archer 4. Daniel Burrell 5. David Leiter C. All emails between former Commerce Department General Counsel Kelly Welsh and the following individuals: 1. Hunter Biden 2. Christopher Heinz 3. Devon Archer 4. Daniel Burrell 5. David Leiter Date Range: 1/1/2013 - 1/20/2017

Exhibit A

From: "efoia@foia.gov<mailto:efoia@foia.gov>" <efoia@foia.gov<mailto:efoia@foia.gov>>
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<davidbossie@citizensunited.org<mailto:davidbossie@citizensunited.org>>
Subject: FOIA Expedited Processing Disposition Reached for DOC-IOS-2018-000946

Your request for Expedited Processing for the FOIA request DOC-IOS-2018-000946 has been denied.
Additional details for this request are as follows:

- * Request Created on: 03/15/2018
- * Expedited Disposition Reason: Does not meet criteria.
- * Request Long Description: copies of the following records:
 - A. All emails between former Commerce Department Deputy Secretary Bruce Andrews and the following individuals: 1. Hunter Biden 2. Christopher Heinz 3. Devon Archer 4. Daniel Burrell 5. David Leiter;
 - B. All emails between former Commerce Department Chief of Staff Jim Hock and the following individuals: 1. Hunter Biden 2. Christopher Heinz 3. Devon Archer 4. Daniel Burrell 5. David Leiter
 - C. All emails between former Commerce Department General Counsel Kelly Welsh and the following individuals: 1. Hunter Biden 2. Christopher Heinz 3. Devon Archer 4. Daniel Burrell 5. David Leiter.


Date Range: 1/1/2013 - 1/20/2017

Declaration of David N. Bossie

Pursuant to 15 CFR § 4.6(f)(3)), David N. Bossie declares as follows:

- (1) I am the President of Citizens United.
- (2) Citizens United is a news media entity that regularly disseminates news, information and commentary to the public. Citizens United has been officially recognized as a news media entity by various federal entities, including the Department of State in FOIA litigation, the Federal Election Commission, see FEC Advisory Opinion 2010-08 (June 11, 2010), and the U.S courts, see e.g. Citizens United v. Gessler, 773 F.3d 200 (10th Cir. 2014).
- (3) I am also a paid contributor to Fox News, where I make frequent on-air appearances on Fox News Channel and Fox Business Network in order to disseminate news, information and commentary to the public.
- (4) The records sought in FOIA No. DOC-IOS-2018-000946 are sought to further the information dissemination objectives of Citizens United's and myself as members of the news media.
- (5) The records sought involve an urgency to inform the public about alleged favoritism shown to relatives, friends and associates of former Vice President Joe Biden and former Secretary of State John Kerry during their respective tenures in Federal office during the Obama Administration, and relate to their fitness for public office, including possible bids for the U.S. Presidency in 2020.
- (6) Attached hereto as Exhibits 1 - 6 are representative samplings of recent news articles demonstrating that the topics related to the FOIA request are generating widespread and exceptional media interest that involves questions about the government's integrity that affect public confidence.
- (7) The attached articles also illustrate an urgency to inform the public on the topics addressed in this Declaration.
- (8) The records requested in FOIA No. DOC-IOS-2018-000946 are reasonably expected to shed light on the topics addressed herein because they relate to the persons and activities identified in the attached news articles.

I hereby certify the foregoing to be true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.


David N. Bossie


Date

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Joe Biden broaches possibility of a 2020 presidential run



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WASHINGTON — Former Vice President Joe Biden is tiptoeing toward a potential presidential run in 2020, even broaching the possibility during a recent gathering of longtime foreign policy aides.

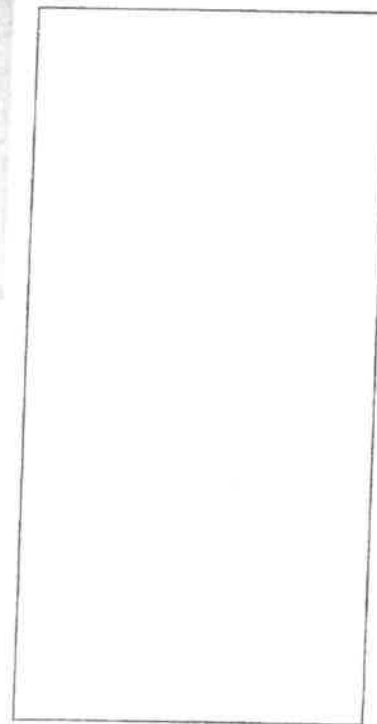
Huddled in his newly opened office steps from the U.S. Capitol, Biden began a planning meeting for his new diplomacy center by addressing the elephant in the room. He said he was keeping his 2020 options open, considering it a real possibility. He insisted he had made no decision, and didn't need to yet, according to five people who either attended the meeting or were briefed on it by those who did.

Biden also expressed interest in bringing those in the room onto his team if he decides to launch a campaign. At the same time, he gave them an out: There would be no hard feelings if they decided they were content in their current roles outside of government, said the people, who demanded anonymity to discuss a private meeting.

The political world has long tried to game out Biden's plans for 2020. After all, he came close to running last time only to see President Donald Trump pull off a victory that many Democrats openly suggest wouldn't have happened had he, not Hillary Clinton, been their nominee. Several people came away from the meeting with the impression that if no strong Democratic candidate emerges in the next year or so, Biden would feel strongly compelled to run.

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<https://www.cbsnews.com/news/joe-biden-broaches-possibility-of-a-2020-presidential-run/>

Exhibit 1

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Joe Biden broaches possibility of a 2020 presidential run - CBS News

A presidential candidate twice before, Biden would be 78 on Inauguration Day if elected in 2020, a concerning prospect for some Democrats even though he's only a few years older than Trump. One possibility that Biden's longtime advisers have discussed privately is that he could announce his intention to serve only one term, clearing the path for his running mate to take over in 2024 and potentially setting up Democrats for a 12-year White House stretch.

Biden's brief discussion about his 2020 deliberations came as he brought foreign policy staffers together to set the 2018 agenda for the newly opened Penn Biden Center for Diplomacy and Global Engagement — where many of them are now working, including Colin Kahl, his vice presidential national security adviser, and Steve Ricchetti, his former chief of staff. Eli Ratner, his former deputy national security adviser, and Mike Carpenter, the former Pentagon and State Department official who's now the center's senior director, also attended, as did Julianne Smith, a Biden adviser in the Obama administration's first term who now works at the Center for a New American Security, a Washington think tank.

A Biden spokesman declined to comment. But in a recent NBC News interview, Biden said he'd decide on running in 2020 based on whether it was "the right thing to do."

"I'm focused on one thing: electing a Democratic Congress to stop this erosion of the core of who we are," Biden said. "I'll look at that a year from now. I have plenty of time to consider whether or not to run."

The meeting was one of several signs that Biden is beginning to position himself as an alternative to Trump. Biden has started denouncing the current president's leadership more frequently in public, as he crisscrosses the United States and beyond to promote his new book, his cancer initiative, his new domestic policy institute in Delaware, the diplomacy center and his new political action committee, American Possibilities.

He's also been gearing up to play a major role campaigning for Democrats seeking to retake the House and Senate in the 2018 midterms.

"Donald Trump's looking out for Donald Trump. Republicans are looking out for Donald Trump. Who's looking out for everyone else? Democrats," Biden wrote in a recent fundraising pitch to the PAC's supporters. He said in 2018, he would "beat a path all across this country to stand up for leaders who will stand up for all of us."

In 2015, Biden's face was plastered across cable news channels and newspaper front pages for months as he carried out a lengthy deliberation about whether to challenge Clinton for the nomination. Ultimately, he decided he and his family weren't in position to run so soon after his son, former Delaware Attorney General Beau Biden, died from brain cancer earlier that year. Yet many Democrats have argued that his "everyman" brand and blue-collar appeal would make him particularly well-suited to challenge Trump.

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Former Secretary of State John Kerry is considering a second run for president in 2020 to take on President Trump, according to comments reported by the Israel newspaper Maariv.

According to the report, Kerry told Palestinian officials that he was strongly considering a run in 2020 and hinted that Trump will likely not be in office much longer in strongly worded conversation Wednesday.

"Hold on and be strong," Kerry told the interviewer, a close associate of Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas, adding that he should tell Abbas "that he should stay strong in his spirit and play for time, that he will not break and will not yield to President [Donald] Trump's demands."

The former top U.S. diplomat also commented on the ongoing efforts of the Trump administration to negotiate a peace plan between Israel and the Palestinian Authority, and suggested that Abbas present his own peace plan in the wake of the White House's recognition of Jerusalem as Israel's capital in December.

"Maybe it is time for the Palestinians to define their peace principles and present a positive plan," Kerry suggested.

Kerry previously ran for president in 2004, against President George W. Bush, who was running for reelection. Kerry lost the general election with 251 Electoral College votes to Bush's 286. He later became the final secretary of State to Bush's successor, Barack Obama.

Exhibit 2

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John Kerry considering presidential run in 2020: report | TheHill

In December, Kerry admitted that he considered running for president in 2016, but eventually decided against it.

"For a minute or two, maybe somewhere along the line, it crossed my mind — possibly," Kerry, a former senator from Massachusetts, told the Boston Globe.

"But there are a number of reasons why I dismissed the idea. And I'm glad. I think it was right. I never really thought that seriously about it."

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Obama, Biden cronies made billions off China trade deals and regulatory policies: Report

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Former President Barack Obama used his executive powers to impose industry regulations that lowered the value of certain companies and led to financial gains for a firm owned by two close family friends, according to Breitbart editor-at-large Peter Schweizer.

The admissions were revealed in Schweizer's new book, "Secret Empire," which found a pattern of investments in coal, offshore mining and for-profit universities that closely tracked the Obama administration's regulatory policy changes. Billionaire activists Tom Steyer and George Soros were among the beneficiaries.

"It's the new wave of corruption in Washington, D.C.," Schweizer said during an interview with FOX Business' Lou Dobbs Tuesday.

Schweizer said the Vistria Group, run by Obama's best friend, Marty Nesbitt, drove the for-profit school University of Phoenix into the ground and then swooped in to buy it.

"They come in, they buy it for pennies on the dollar and low and behold, the Obama administration says, 'You know what, we think we're going to let GI money float again back to the University of Phoenix,'" he said.

The smash and grab approach was just one pattern that emerged and continued to be repeated in other sectors of the economy.

Schweizer said the level of corruption extended to former Vice President Joe Biden and former Secretary of State John Kerry after both leaders negotiated with China on trade issues.

"At this time the sons, or in one case, John Kerry's close aide, are involved in businesses that involve multi-billion dollar deals with the Chinese government," he said on "Lou Dobbs Tonight."

Schweizer claims that 10 days after Biden flew to Beijing, his son, Hunter Biden, scored a \$1.5 billion private equity deal from the Chinese government.

"This is American princelings and there are multiple examples in the book," he said.

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A private equity firm managed by the son of former Vice President Joe Biden struck a deal with China's state-owned bank in 2013 at the same time that Biden was in the country to meet with Chinese President Xi Jinping.



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Hunter Biden, who arrived in China aboard Air Force Two alongside the vice president and the rest of the U.S. delegation, was at the time in control of Rosemont Seneca Partners LLC, a private equity firm that would go on to strike a deal with the state-owned Bank of China to create a \$1 billion joint investment fund.

In excerpts from his upcoming book, "Secret Empires: How the American Political Class Hides Corruption and Enriches Family and Friends,"

Exhibit 4

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Breitbart editor: Biden's son inked deal with Chinese government days after vice president's trip | TheHill

Breitbart News senior editor-at-large Peter Schweizer writes that the China deal was part of a trend of high-stakes deals between the sons' investment firm — under the Rosemont entities umbrella — and foreign governments that were also in the middle of striking deals with the Obama administration.

Hunter Biden controlled the Rosemont entities, which describes itself as "a \$2.4 billion private equity firm."

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In 2011, Hunter Biden met with top Chinese government fund leaders alongside managing partner Devon Archer and James Bulger, the nephew of notorious mobster Whitey Bulger, who controls a Massachusetts-based consultancy firm. The meeting took place just hours before the vice president would meet with Hu Jintao, then China's president, in Washington as part of a nuclear security summit.

A second meeting that year between Hunter Biden and other top Chinese officials would occur in Taiwan, just two weeks after the vice president opened up strategic talks with China in Washington.

In 2013, the younger Biden would be part of an official U.S. delegation to the country. Ten days later, Rosemont entities inked a \$1 billion deal with the bank of China. The deal was eventually increased to \$1.5 billion.

Deals made by the firm — co-owned by the government of China and the two sons of top American officials — would go on to have serious national security implications for the United States. One such deal was with the automotive subsidiary of Aviation Industry Corporation of China (AVIC), a major Chinese military contractor accused of frequently stealing U.S. military technology.

In late 2015, AVIC would go on to purchase 51 percent of American precision-parts manufacturer Henniges. Joe Biden's son bought the other 49 percent in a deal that was approved by the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States, which includes members of numerous government agencies including the State Department.

In an email, a spokesman for Chris Heinz, John Kerry's son by marriage, told The Hill that Heinz had "no operating role" in Rosemont Seneca, and was not involved in any of the firm's dealings in China — contradicting Schweizer's original reports.

"Rosemont Capital is not, and never was, a part of the Heinz Family Office and was a fully independent alternative investment fund manager," said Heinz spokesman Chris Bastardi.

"Chris Heinz was involved in Rosemont Capital. Rosemont Seneca was established under the same GP as Rosemont Capital, but Chris Heinz had no operating role in it. Chris and his family have no financial interest or investment in Bohai Harvest RST, he has never traveled to China, and he has never met with the firm's Chinese management team or investors."

Joe Biden is considered by many Democrats as a top contender in 2020 to challenge President Trump, whose own sons have been involved in foreign business dealings that raise questions about foreign officials using the Trump Organization to influence the White House.

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Last week, the Trump organization donated \$151,470 in profits earned from foreign government patronage at its hotels and other businesses in 2017 to the U.S. Treasury, a move not required by law.

This article was updated at 4:30 p.m. to correct one meeting date and note that Chris Heinz, John Kerry's son by marriage, was not a managing partner of Rosemont Seneca Partners or involved with Rosemont Seneca Bohai.

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'Follow the Money': Schweizer Exposes How Political Elites 'Hide Corruption' | Fox News Insider

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"Clinton Cash" author Peter Schweizer has a new book that exposes what he calls corruption among the political elite in Washington, D.C. In "Secret Empires" (<https://www.amazon.com/Secret-Empires-American-Political-Corruption/dp/0062569368>) Schweizer argues that China gained leverage over powerful American politicians like former Vice President Joe Biden and Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell by targeting their families with investment opportunities and business deals. On "Fox & Friends" on Tuesday, Schweizer said he went after lawmakers on both sides of the aisle because he followed the evidence wherever it led.

"I think that people are very interested and concerned about corruption in Washington, D.C.," he said.

Schweizer said that Biden and his son, Hunter, traveled to Beijing in December 2013, and the vice president was criticized for "going soft" on China on critical issues like the South China Sea and trade. Ten days after they left, an investment firm owned by Hunter Biden scored a \$1.5 billion private equity deal from the Chinese government, he explained.

"If Joe Biden gets a \$1,500 campaign contribution or a \$1,500 gift or his wife does, it has to be disclosed. But if your kids or a sibling or a parent scores \$1.5 billion from a foreign government, they're not required to disclose it. That's gotta change," Schweizer said.

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Biden's spokesperson, however, rejected the author's assertions, saying, "We're not going to engage on a politically motivated hit-piece riddled with demonstrable, factual errors, pushed by a Breitbart-affiliated author and his financial backers."

Schweizer also pointed out that McConnell is married to Transportation Secretary Elaine Chao, whose family is in the shipping industry and is "basically completely dependent" on remaining in the good graces of the Chinese government.

In 2008, he said, Chao's father, James Chao, gave McConnell a gift of somewhere between \$5 million and \$25 million.

"What people don't realize is, where did that money come from? It came from Chinese government, specifically the China state shipbuilding corporation, who's the business partner with the Chao's. It's the largest military contractor in China," Schweizer said. "If you look at Mitch McConnell's record in the Senate, he has become increasingly soft on China, as it relates to military issues or trade issues."

"It's about follow the money. This is where we always end up when we look at corruption in politics. Follow the money."

Chao's office responded in a statement, flatly denying the claims.

"The author failed to mention Secretary Chao's life of public service ranging from being the secretary of two cabinet departments to the Peace Corps to United Way of America – Secretary Chao has served our country with distinction and integrity."

David Popp, communications director for Sen. Mitch McConnell, labeled Schweizer's claims as "wild accusations ... not backed by any credible sourcing."

"They are inaccurate. One need only look at the Leader's floor remarks on China over the past several years to know that the author's opinions are misguided," said Popp.

Editor's Note: A spokesman for Chris Heinz denies Schweizer's claims from the interview, saying Heinz and his family were not involved with the private equity deal in China.

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- Joe Biden's son Hunter opened a private equity firm with the step-son of Sen. John Kerry
- Kerry and Biden were colleagues in the Senate for decades
- Hunter flew to China with his father aboard Air Force Two when the deal got made
- The state-owned Bank of China made a deal with the younger Biden's Rosemont Seneca Partners LLC
- Kerry and Chris Heinz run the \$2.4 billion private equity firm
- The deal is explored in a new book by the author of 'Clinton Cash'
- The deal was finalized within days of the visit

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Joe Biden's son Hunter flew to China on an official visit by his father ended up inking a deal for his hedge fund with the Bank of China on visit.

Hunter Biden accompanied his father aboard Air Force Two on a visit the vice president met with Chinese President Xi Jinping.

For the younger Biden, there was also deal-making on the agenda, 'Secret Empires: How the American Political Class Hides Corruption'



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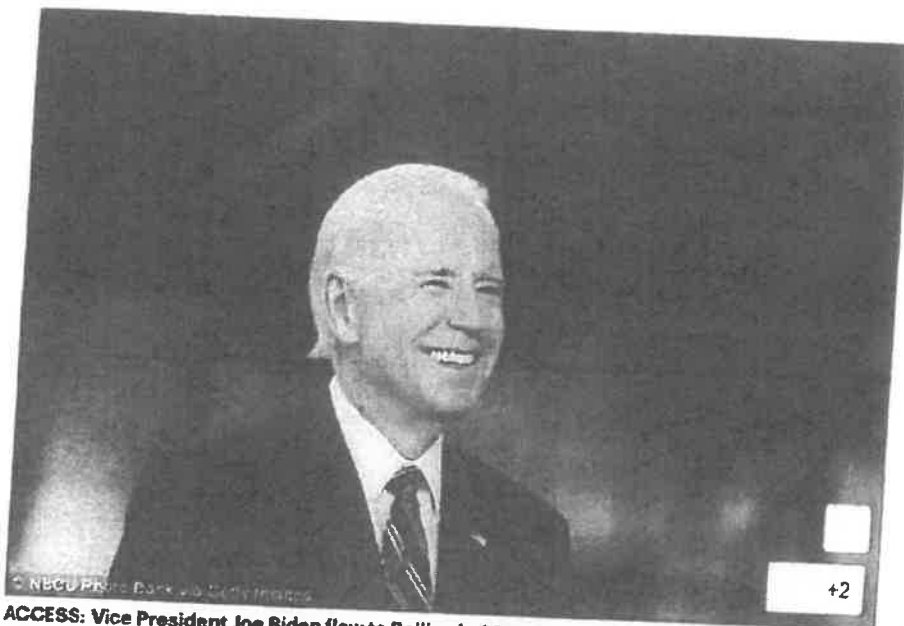
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Fe and Friends,' by Peter Schweizer, the Breitbart editor at large who rocked the 2016 with disclosures about Bill and Hillary Clinton.

The book was excerpted in the **New York Post**.



ACCESS: Vice President Joe Biden flew to Beijing in 2013 along with his son, Hunter. Hunter Biden's firm ended up inking a deal for his hedge fund with the Bank of China days after the visit

Hunter Biden started a private equity fund along with Chris Heinz, the stepson of Sen. John Kerry.

Kerry, the former secretary of state, was a longtime Senate colleague of Biden's. Heinz is the son of the late Sen. John Heinz, who was the previous husband of Teresa Heinz Kerry.

The book describes a meeting in December 2013 between Hunter Biden, managing partner Devon Archer, and top Chinese government leaders.

A partnering firm, the Thornton group, described the meeting on its web site as involving the biggest fund lenders in China.

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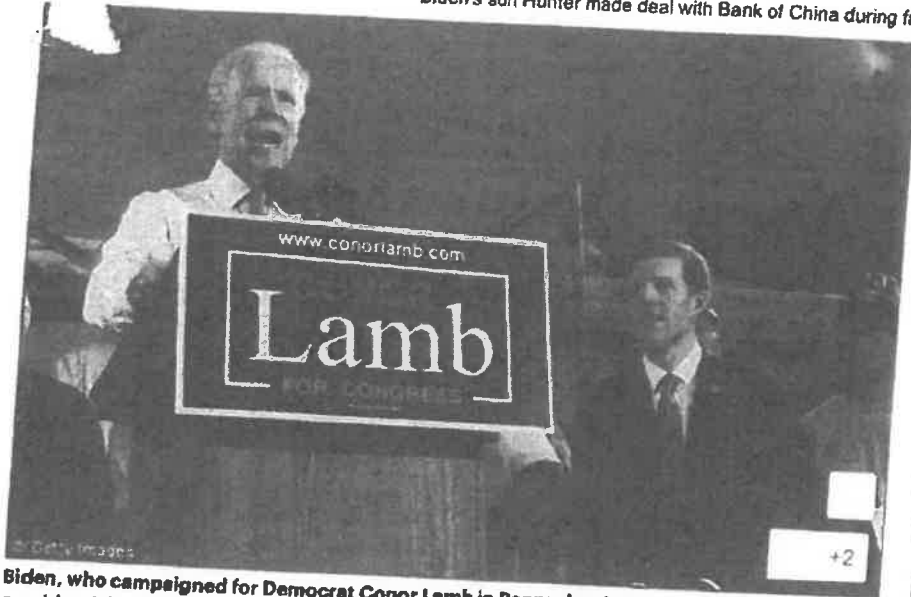
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The meeting took place just hours before the senior Biden met Chinese officials, according to the book.

Ten days later, Rosemont made a deal with the Bank of China valued at \$1 billion, and later boosted to \$1.5 billion, *The Hill* reported.

Biden, who turned down a chance to run for president in 2016, citing his eldest son Beau Biden's death, is still a prominent potential 2020 candidate.

When they arrived in China, Biden, Hunter, and his daughter Finnegan were 'greeted by Chinese children carrying flowers.[and] the delegation was then whisked to a meeting with Vice President Li Yuanhao and talks with President Xi Jinping,' according to the book.

'Rosemont Seneca and the Bank of China created a \$1 billion investment fund called Bohai Harvest RST (BHR), a name that reflected who was involved. Bohai (or Bo Hai), the innermost gulf of the Yellow Sea, was a reference to the Chinese stake in the company. The "RS" referred to Rosemont Seneca. The "T" was Thornton,' according to the book.

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